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Finance Committee

A meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chairman DiNatale on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:04 PM in the Memorial Middle School Library, 615 Rollstone Street, Fitchburg, MA.

Committee Members present: Councilors Paul Beauchemin, Marcus DiNatale, Michael Kushmerek, Elizabeth Walsh, and Anthony Zarrella.

Other Councilors present: Councilors David Clark, E. Thomas Donnelly, Marisa Fleming, Joel Kaddy, and Samantha Squailia.

Others present: Mayor Stephen DiNatale, City Auditor Calvin Brooks, Chief of Staff A. J. Tourigny, City Solicitor Vincent Pusateri, and City Clerk Anna Farrell.

093-18

ORDER: that there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of THREE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,115.00) same to be transferred from ELECTION & REGISTRATION, PERSONAL SERVICES, ELECTION WORKERS (\$2,634.00) and ELECTION & REGISTRATION, PERSONAL SERVICES, OVERTIME (\$481.00) and credited to CITY CLERK, PERSONAL SERVICES, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK (\$2,767.00) and CITY CLERK, PERSONAL SERVICES, OVERTIME (348.00).

094-18

ORDER: that there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$600.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to CITY CLERK, PERSONAL SERVICES, OVERTIME.

Discussion: City Clerk Anna Farrell spoke on Order #093-18 and Order #094-18. She explained that the first order is a request to transfer from within her accounts. There were two weeks of overlap and training for the new Assistant City Clerk who, because of her experience, was hired at a higher step than her predecessor. There will be additional overtime expense because the

new Assistant will be attending more evening meetings. The second order is a request from available funds is to complete the amount needed.

Action: Be adopted (5-0)

ORDER: that there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$65,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to COUNCIL ON AGING, BUILDING MAINTENANCE for the purpose of improving the air quality in the basement of the Senior Center.

Discussion: Mayor's Chief of Staff A. J. Tourigny, representing Council on Aging Director Joan Goodwin, reported that last year the Senior Center had received a project description for improving the air quality in the basement of the building. City Council approved \$65,000 for the project last year and the project went out to bid in February, 2018. The bids came back high, and the project engineer found an oversight in his documents where he did not include certain materials. In order to do the project correctly, additional funds are needed. Once approved, the project will again go out to bid.

Councilors asked about the specifics of the project and were told it is to improve ventilation and provide moisture control. It involves constructing walls to close off certain parts of the basement. The original cost estimate from the engineer did not include the elements to support mechanical works.

Action: Be adopted (5-0)

096-18

ORDER: that the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security grant in the approximate amount of \$4,418.40 (FOUR THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND 40/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to enhance effective pedestrian, bicycle, and moped-type enforcement.

Discussion: Mr. Tourigny stated that Police Chief Ernest Martineau sent his regrets for not being able to attend the meeting. This grant is a recurring EOPS grant and is for enforcing pedestrian safety.

Action: Be adopted (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin D. Brooks, Clerk

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